

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner's Action of March 31, 2004, has been received and reviewed by counsel for Assignee. In that Action the Examiner noted the restriction requirement previously issued and requested corrections to the drawings. A proposed drawing correction accompanies this response. Corrected drawings will be submitted as soon as they are received from the draftsman.

The Examiner rejected various claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112. The rejections noted in the Examiner's Action, together with other informalities noted by the undersigned, have been corrected by this amendment.

The Examiner rejected all pending claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as unpatentable over *Nyui, et al.* (U.S. 6,004,187), in view of *Wiswesser, et al.* (U.S. 6,159,073).

By this response counsel has amended each of the two pending independent claims 2 and 12 to recite a limitation with respect to the selection of the prescribed regions. In particular, the prescribed reasons have been defined as being selected on the basis of at least one of three criteria as enumerated in each of claims 2 and 12. Neither the *Nyui, et al.*, nor the *Wiswesser, et al.*, reference teaches selection of the prescribed regions on this basis. Accordingly, the claims are believed allowable over the cited references, and are believed to now comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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